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1997 DEEP CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING

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The 1997 Annual Deep Creek Distribution Meeting was held at Dave Murray's Shop in Lapoint on Thursday, January 30, 1997, and was conducted by Lee Sim of the Division of Water Rights.

Those attending the meeting were as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLO
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLO
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLO
Bob Leake	Division of Water Rights
Ralph Johnson	Division of Water Rights
Charman Justice	Deep Creek Water Commissioner
Robert Justice	Deep Creek
Wayne Justice	Deep Creek
Marvin Huber	Deep Creek
Ada Cook	Deep Creek
Martin Huber	Deep Creek
Aaron Simmons	Mosby Irrigation
Dave Murray	Mosby Irrigation

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Lee Sim. Minutes of the 1996 Deep Creek Distribution Meeting were read by Bob Leake. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Robert Justice and seconded by Marvin Huber. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review the 1996 Financial Report. Charman Justice indicated that she did not have the financial report in time to distribute one to everyone in attendance. Lee Sim then reviewed the financial report. He pointed out that the budget for 1996 of \$7343, was increased by \$500 to \$7843, to cover a salary increase for Charman Justice. Lee stated that two water user accounts were delinquent at this time. It was noted that Martin Huber is delinquent by \$340.00 and Gale Eldredge has a delinquency of \$40. A motion was made by Aaron Simmons to accept the financial report as read and was seconded by Charman Justice. Motion passed.

The commissioner's report was given by Charman Justice. Her report covered both Mosby Irrigation Company and Deep Creek Distribution Company. Charman pointed out that most of the year was fairly good for Mosby Irrigation, however, by August all shareholders were hurting for water and it was necessary to go on turns. She also pointed out that a problem exists with shareholder Gale Eldredge, which she feels, that Mosby Irrigation Co. should seriously address. Apparently, Gale Eldredge has no Deep Creek filing and no diversion of any kind and yet, uses Deep Creek water as well as Mosby water.

On the Deep Creek Distribution system, Charman discussed problems that existed early in the irrigation season with ice and snow in the ditches and weirs that were sanded up. She also stated that Martin Huber was granted a temporary change of diversion in 1995 and 1996, for part of his Deep Creek water which was to be used on the Elroy Walker property. Charman also wanted it known that on May 13, 1996, she diverted extra Deep Creek water for three days to Ervin Young, so that he could prove up on his Deep Creek filing.

Charman concluded her report by stating that very few shareholders are maintaining their diversions in a manner consistent with good operations. She cited problems and difficulty in gaining access to some headgates and diversion points because of overgrowth of weeds and woody vegetation. She requested help from the shareholders in controlling this problem. In her report, she included an itemized list of each shareholder showing the present condition of his/her headgate, weir or diversion point. Wayne Justice made a motion to accept the report as read and motion was seconded by Aaron Simmons. Motion carried.

Lee Sim stated that the next item of business was to elect a Water Commissioner for 1997. Wayne Justice made the motion that Charman Justice be elected Water Commissioner for 1997. The motion was seconded by Marvin Huber and motion carried by unanimous vote.

During the discussion on the Budget for 1997, Lee Sim explained that, in 1996, the committee approved a \$500 salary raise for the commissioner, but did not include an increase to cover the Social Security. The water users voted to keep the commissioner's salary the same for 1997, and approved an increase in the Social Security expense from \$249 to \$287. The water users voted to keep the budget for the other expenses the same as in 1997, so the total budget for 1997 would be \$8,381. System assessments for 1997 will be \$5,900, the same as in 1996. A motion was made by Martin Huber to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Wayne Justice and motion passed.

Lee Sim stated that a training seminar for water commissioners would be held in Salt Lake City in the near future, and that he felt it would be desirable to have Charman attend this seminar. Trip expenses could be covered under miscellaneous expenses. A motion was made by Wayne Justice to have Charman attend the seminar. Motion was seconded by Martin Huber and motion carried.

A review of the Distribution System's Directors was made. Robert Justice made a motion that the directors for 1997 remain the same as 1996. Motion was seconded by Marvin Huber and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.